

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



IN THE MATTER OF THE REVISED PLAN FOR FURNISHING REPRESENTATION PURSUANT TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT OF 1964

ORDER M10-468

The Board of Judges of the Southern District of New York approved and adopted the following amendment to the Plan under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964. The new language is shown in bold; deleted, strike-out.

X. SERVICES OTHER THAN COUNSEL

A. UPON REQUEST

Counsel (whether or not appointed pursuant to this Plan) who represents a party who is financially unable to obtain investigative, expert or other services necessary for an adequate defense may request such services in an ex parte application before a district judge or magistrate judge (if the services are required in connection with a matter over which the magistrate judge has jurisdiction or if the district judge otherwise refers such application to a magistrate judge for findings and report). Any such ex parte application for investigative, expert or other services necessary for an adequate defense shall be heard in camera and shall not be revealed without the consent of the defendant. The statements made in support of the application shall be made under oath or by sworn affidavit. If, after appropriate inquiry, the Court shall find that the services are necessary, and that the person is financially unable to obtain them, it shall issue an order authorizing the counsel to obtain the services. The order shall specify the type, purpose, and limitation of the services to be obtained, including the maximum amount to be expended for such services. In no instance shall the amount authorized to be expended authorized to be expended exceed \$1,600 exceed the amount authorized by statute and Judicial Conference policy per individual or corporation providing the services (exclusive of expenses reasonably incurred) unless payment in excess of that limit is certified by the district judge or magistrate judge as necessary to provide fair compensation for services of an unusual character or duration and the amount of the excess payment is approved by the Chief Judge of the Circuit or such active Circuit Judge to whom the Chief Judge has delegated such approval authority.

B. WITHOUT PRIOR REQUEST

Counsel appointed pursuant to this Plan may obtain - subject to later review - investigative, expert or other services without prior judicial authorization if it is necessary for an adequate defense. The total cost of services obtained without prior authorization may not exceed a the maximum of \$500 amount authorized by statute and Judicial Conference policy per individual or corporation providing the services (exclusive of expenses reasonably incurred). However, a district judge or

magistrate judge (if the services were rendered in a case disposed of entirely by a magistrate judge) may, in the interests of justice, and upon finding that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization, approve payment for such services after they have been obtained, even if the cost of such services exceeds \$500 the maximum amount authorized by statute and Judicial Conference policy.

The amendment is effective June 30, 2010, subject to review by the Judicial Council.

SO ORDERED.

LORETTA A. PRESKA Chief Judge

Dated:

June 30, 2010

New York, New York

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